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1. WE BELIEVE OPTION THREE WOULD BE THE BEST APPROACH, BASICALLY FOR SAME REASONS GIVEN IN ABU DHABI 808. IF THERE WAS A SIZEABLE FUND COMMITTED TO EGYPTIAN MILITARY PURCHASE, IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR DSAA TO HAVE A LARGE FRONT LOAD PAYMENT. AT SAME TIME, IT WOULD GIVE DONOR COUNTRIES LARGEST POSSIBLE INTEREST PAYMENT AND AVOID ARGUMENT THAT THEY TYING UP LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY IN ADVANCE WITHOUT GETTING ANYTHING IN RETURN. IT WOULD ALSO HAVE ADVANTAGE IN THAT FUNDS WOULD NOT BE CHANNELED THROUGH GOE, THUS PREVENTING SIPHONING OFF FOR OTHER PURPOSES OR BENEFIT CERTAIN AGENTS WHICH IS CRITICISM NOW BEING LEVELED AT ARAB MILITARY INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION CONCEIVED PROJECTS.

2. WE BELIEVE BEST APPROACH TOWARD UAE WOULD BE BEGIN WITH SAUDIS SINCE THEIR ATTITUDE WILL BE KEY. ASSUMING SAUDI APPROVAL TO CONCEPT, BELIEVE BEST APPROACH IN UAE WOULD BE FOR EGYPTIAN
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AMBASSADOR TO RAISE MATTER INITIALLY FOLLOWED BY A JOINT APPROACH BY EGYPTIAN COLLEAGUE AND MYSELF WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI AND IF NECESSARY WITH UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID.

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